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Ref: 3368-20548

Honorable Felix J. Boudreaux
Commissioner of Conservation
Post Office Box 94275
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: Hearing Application
5500' Sand, Reservoir A
RAPHAEL PASS FIELD
Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana
Applicant: Gulf Explorer, LLC

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, application is hereby made on behalf of **Gulf Explorer, LLC** for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the 5500' Sand, Reservoir A, in the Raphael Pass Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.

1. To dissolve the existing drilling and production unit created as the 5500' Sand, Reservoir A, by Office of Conservation Order No. 1069-C, and to simultaneously create two (2) revised drilling and production units of approximately 194 acres for the 5500' Sand, Reservoir A, SUA, designated as the 5500' RA SUA and approximately 118 acres for the 5500' Sand, Reservoir A, SUB designated as the 5500' RA SUB, in the Raphael Pass Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, all as shown more particularly on the attached plat;
2. The 5500' Sand, Reservoir A in the Raphael Pass Field was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 1069-C.
3. To confirm James A. Whitson, Jr. as the operator of the 5500' RA SUA and RA SUB;
4. To find that, except to the extent contrary to the order granted by the Commissioner of Conservation in connection with the hearing held on this application, the provisions of Office of Conservation No. 1069-C shall remain in full force and effect, and
5. To consider such other matters which may be pertinent to this application as shown by the evidence presented at the hearing held on this matter.

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A conference was held on February 6, 2002. The conference was opened by William F. Bailey, who introduced Mr. William H. Robbins who presented the plan of Gulf Explorer, LLC, for a single unit of ± 321 acres with an alternate unit well. Questions were asked and answered. Mr. Larry Eustis on behalf of Chalin Perez presented a plan which would result in a 299 acre unit. Mr. Louis Gilbert on behalf of Poydras Realty presented a plan which would result in a 244 acre unit. ExxonMobil represented by Charles Smith presented a plat depicting two (2) units in separate reservoirs leaving the unit the south as previously shown and adding a 115 acre unit to the north. There was no settlement of differences at the conference. As stated at the conference the applicant has revised its plan to reflect two units. The applicant has also revised the northern boundary of the reservoir to be consistent with two fault picks for the north bounding fault as was shown by Mr. Gilbert in the pre-application conference resulting in a reservoir of ± 312 acres. Sand Unit A retains its original acreage and a separate unit of ± 118 acres is being proposed for the James A. Whitson-ExxonMobil Fee No. 1 Well. The rights of all parties to file counterplans was reserved.

In the event any party wishes to confer with regard to this plan which differs from that shown by applicant at the pre-application conference, please contact the undersigned.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the 5500' Sand, RA SUA and RA SUB Raphael Pass Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, and a list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties to whom this notice is being sent. It is hereby certified that a reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties.

A copy of the list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties is not being mailed to those parties along with this hearing application. Should any such party desire a copy of this list, however, we will be glad to provide one upon request.

Upon receipt of the legal notice in the captioned matter, the notice will be posted, published and mailed in accordance with Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure.

Any pertinent data relating to the proposed unit can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, from Mr. Bill Dale of W. H. Robbins & Associates, 140 Rue Beauregard, Suite 100, Lafayette, La 70508 (337) 232-5004.

Finally, there is enclosed herewith our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$700.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,


William F. Bailey

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Attachments

cc: Mr. Richard D. Hudson
District Manager, Office of Conservation

All Interested Owners, Represented Parties and
Interested Parties

T22S R20E

5500' RA SUB
EXXON MOBIL FEE NO. 1
± 118 ACRES

23

S/L 6126
1
5615'

FAULT

S/L 16491¹

S/L 16488

James A. Whitson
Exxon Mobil Fee

7550' MD
7352' TVD

James A. Whitson
S/L 16472

6556' MD
5992' TVD

S/L 16472

PADDY
BAY

5500' RA SUA
S/L 16472 NO. 1
± 194 ACRES

U.S.A.

PASS A LOUTRE

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EXHIBIT NO.
DOCKET NO.

DATE:

GULF EXPLORER, LLC

RAPHAEL PASS FIELD
PLAQUEMINES PARISH, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED UNIT
5500' SAND

0 1000' 2000'

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S/L 1913
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AS PER ORDER 1069-C